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TAGS: OREP (O'NEILL, THOMAS P.)

SUBJECT: CODEL O'NEIL

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1. I SAW VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI TO PRESENT TO HIM THE REVISED ITINERARY CONTAINED IN STATE 048204. WHEN I HAD COMPLETED OUTLINING THE REVISED SCHEDULE, SPASOWSKI SAID THAT HE GREATLY APPRECIATED THE FURTHER EFFORT MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ACCOMMODATE THE WISHES OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT, BUT THAT KOWALSKI HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27 WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MINISTRY. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE REPORT TELEGRAPHED BY THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, SPASOWSKI SAID, THE MINISTRY HAD INFORMED AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI THAT AGREEMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN REACHED IN WARSAW ON AN ARRIVAL DATE OF APRIL 20 AND THAT FURTHER PLANNING FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PROGRAM AND ITINERARY WOULD TAKE PLACE HERE

BETWEEN THE MINISTRY AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.

2. SPASPOWSKI THEN SAID THAT, DESPITE THE MINISTRY'S PREFERENCE FOR AN APRIL 20 ARRIVAL DATE, HE HAD ASKED THAT THE FEASIBILITY OF ARRIVAL AT KRAKOW ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 19 BE EXAMINED, SINCE THE MINISTRY WISHED TO DO WHATEVER IT COULD TO MEET THE DESIRES OF CONGRESSMEN O'NEILL AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION. AT THIS POINT, SPASOWSKI ASKED ME WHETHER THE MAJORITY LEADER HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE FEBRUARY 27 MEETING. I SAID I COULD NOT SAY POSITIVELY THAT HE HAD NOT, BUT, SINCE HIS PRESENCE HAD NOT BEEN SPECIFIED IN THE REPORT I HAD RECEIVED, I FELT CERTAIN THAT HE WAS NOT PRESENT.

3. SPASOWSKI THEN SAID THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE MINISTRY'S INQUIRY, HE HAD LEARNED THAT BALICE AIRPORT IN KRAKOW WOULD BE CLOSED ON APRIL 19. SINCE THIS WAS EASTER MONDAY, HE SAID, THE AIRPORT WOULD BE FOLLOWING "THE SUNDAY SCHEDULE" (IN THIS CATHOLIC COUNTRY, THERE ARE NO DOMESTIC AIR CONNECTIONS ON SUNDAY). AS I KNEW, HE SAID, BALICE IS NOT AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HAS NO MODERN INSTRUMENT-LANDING EQUIPMENT. EVEN IF IT WERE TO BE OPEN ON APRIL 19, HE SAID, THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AGREE ON SAFETY GROUNDS TO THE LANDING THERE AFTER DARK OF SO LARGE AN AIRCRAFT CARRYING SO IMPORTANT A GROUP OF VIP'S.

4. SPASLOWSKI SAID THAT, FOLLOWING OUR CONVERSATION OF FEBRUARY 27 (WARSAW 1200-NOTAL), HE HAD INFORMED OFFICIALS OF THE SEJM (PARLIAMENT) THAT THE DELEGATION WOULD ARRIVE IN POLAND ON APRIL 20 AND DEPART ON APRIL 23. ON THE BASIS OF HIS PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM, HE SAID THAT THE POLISH AUTHORITIES PREFERRED THAT THE CODEL ARRIVE AT KRAKOW AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON APRIL 20. APRIL 20 AND 21 WOULD BE SPENT IN KRAKOW AND VICINITY (INCLUDING A VISIT TO OSWIECIM) AND THE CODEL WOULD FLY TO WARSAW ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 21, TO BEGIN ITS PROGRAM OF SIGHTSEEING AND OFFICIAL VISITS IN THE CAPITAL ON APRIL 22.

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5. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) I WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THE CODEL WILL PLAN TO ARRIVE AT KRAKOW ON APRIL 20. (2) I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANSWERS TO AS MANY OF THE QUESTIONS POSED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF WARSAW 1013 (NOTAL) AS CAN NOW BE PROVIDED.

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